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## THE WHALING INDUSTRY.

### Two Hundred Years Hunting Has Destroyed Many Species.

The whales that comprise the basis of the whaling industry are divided into the toothed whales and the whalebone whales. The great cachalot or sperm whale, is captured chiefly in the southern ocean and killed in large numbers for the sake of the "spermaceti," or "sperm oil," which forms the great mass of its head; but he is so fierce and active that he is not easily captured, and is not in immediate danger of extinction. The smaller toothed whales, the killers, dolphins and porpoises—though one of them (the bottlenose whale—is being killed out), are not as yet seriously threatened by commercial men. But the whalebone whales are in a parlous state. The right whales, as they are called, are the chief of these. They are huge creatures, 60 feet in length, with an enormous head, as much as one-third of the total length of the Greenland whale. Besides the Greenland species, there are four other "right whales," which may be considered as four varieties of the species. The head is not quite so large in them. The Biscay whale is one of them, and was hunted until it was exterminated in the Bay of Biscay, when the whalers, extending their operations further and further north came upon the Greenland whale, which proved to be even more valuable than the Biscay species. The huge-mouth of these two whales was hanging from its sides within the lips of a series of long bars or planks of wonderfully strong, elastic, horny substance—the "baleen," or "whalebone"—each plank being as much as eight or even nine feet long. Following close on one another and having hairy edges, they act as strainers so as to separate the floating food of the whale from the water, which rushes through the mouth as it swims.

The whalebone is of great value commercially, as well as the fat, or oil. A hundred years ago it fetched only \$100 a ton; now the same quality fetches more than \$6000. The Rorquals or "finners," have smaller heads and mouths; their whalebone is so short as to be valueless; but they grow to even greater size than the right whales and are found on our own coasts and all over the world. The humpback whale is one of these "finners," distinguished by its excessively long flippers and great bulk.

The Biscay whale was the first of these great creatures to be hunted. The Basques began its capture as early as the ninth century. It was exterminated by them in the Bay of Biscay, and only saved from complete extinction elsewhere by the discovery of the more valuable Arctic or Greenland whale began in 1612, and in 200 land whale. The capture of the Greenyears the unceasing pursuit of this species had driven it to the remote places of the Arctic Ocean. It is now so rare that it is not worth while to send a ship out for the purpose of hunting it, and it will probably never recover its numbers. An idea of its value and former abundance may be formed from the fact that between 1669 and 1778 it yielded to 1400 Dutch vessels about 57,000 individuals, of which the baleen and oil produced a money value of \$20,000,000. Of late years a single Greenland whale would bring \$4500 for its whalebone and \$1500 for its oil. These two great right whales, having been turned on to the wilder and less valuable finback whales or finners. In these days of steam and electric light the Arctic night is robbed of its terrors, and the whale chase goes on very fast. The shot harpoon was invented in 1870 by Sven Foyn, a Norwegian, and is the most deadly and extraordinary weapon ever devised by man for the pursuit of helpless animals. It is this invention which has, in conjunction with swift steamships, rendered the destruction of whales a matter of ease and deadly certainty.

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### Fitting for Rips Fishing.

Capt. William Goodwin is fitting sch. Mina Swim for Rips fishing and Capt. William Forbes is fitting sch. Muriel for the same line of fishing.

### Salt Bankers Spoken.

Capt. Nathaniel Greenleaf reports speaking sch. Blanche on the Peak recently. He also saw sch. Arethusa there and a few others of the salt bank fleet.

### Halibut Sale.

The fare of halibut of sch. Kineo sold to the New England Fish Company at 12 cents per pound for white and 10 cents per pound for grey.

## SCH. KINEO HAS HALIBUT FARE.

### SCH. EGLANTINE BRINGS SMALL HANDLINING TRIP FROM GEORGES.

Sch. Kineo, Capt. Nathaniel Greenleaf, is in this morning, from the Gully, with a fine fare, 27,000 pounds of halibut 10,000 pounds of fresh hake and 5000 pounds of salt cod. The halibut and hake brought fine prices and the craft will make a nice stock.

Sch. Eglantine, from Georges handling, brings a small fare of 15,000 pounds of salt cod and 2000 pounds of halibut. The vessel had the misfortune to lose an anchor and large piece of her string of cable, the latter getting over the tip of the bowsprit during a heavy gale, and parting. A new piece was secured at one of the Cape Shore ports.

The easterly storm held the shore boats up yesterday and none of them got out to fish. On Saturday afternoon, however, they landed quite a lot of fish at the Port and the lake boats also had 27,000 pounds.

### Today's Arrivals and Receipts.

The arrivals and receipts in detail are:

Sch. Kineo, Gully, 27,000 lbs. halibut, 10,000 lbs. fresh fish, 5000 lbs. salt cod.

Sch. Eglantine, Georges handling, 15,000 lbs. salt cod, 2000 lbs. halibut.

Steamer Nomad, shore, 6000 lbs. fresh fish.

Steamer Eagle, shore, 5000 lbs. fresh fish.

Steamer Mindora, shore, 4000 lbs. fresh fish.

Steamer Quoddy, shore, 4000 lbs. fresh fish.

Steamer Weazel, shore, 4000 lbs. fresh fish.

Steamer Prince Olaf, shore, 4000 lbs. fresh fish.

Sch. Hortense, via Boston.

Sch. Ida S. Brooks, shore.

Sch. Maud F. Silva, shore.

Sch. Grace Otis, pollock seining.

### Vessels Sailed.

Sch. Mooween, halibuting.

Sch. Harvard, Georges, handling.

Sch. E. C. Hussey, Rips.

Sch. Boyd and Leeds, Rips.

Sch. Saladin, seining.

Sch. Mary DeCosta, haddocking.

Sch. Walter P. Goulart, haddocking.

Sch. Annie and Jennie, haddocking.

Sch. Emily Cooney, haddocking.

Sch. Mary E. Silveira, haddocking.

Sch. Edith Silveira, haddocking.

Sch. Manomet, haddocking.

Sch. Metacommet, haddocking.

Sch. Nokomis, haddocking.

### TODAY'S FISH MARKET.

#### Salt Fish.

Handline Georges codfish, large, \$5; medium, \$4.50; snappers, \$3.

Trawl, Georges codfish, large, \$4.75; medium, \$4.25.

Eastern halibut codfish, large, \$4.50; medium, \$4.

Haddock, \$2.

Pollock, \$2.

Cusk, large, \$2.50; medium, \$2; snappers, \$1.50.

Hake, \$1.75.

All codfish with napes picked bring 25c over the above prices.

#### Fresh Fish.

Haddock, \$1.10.

Large cod, \$2.25; mediums, \$1.75; snappers, 75c.

Cusk, large, \$1.60; mediums, \$1.25; snappers, 60c.

Dressed pollock, \$1.10; round \$1.

Fresh codfish not gilled bring 10c per cwt. less than the above prices.

Halibut 12c per lb. for white and 9½c for grey.

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### Lobster Shipment Small.

T wharf dealers, who depended on the prophecy of Saturday that a large cargo of lobsters was coming yesterday on the steamer Boston from Yarmouth, and sold what they had on hand at low prices will be a disappointed lot this morning. Instead of the large cargo expected, only 345 crates of lobsters came in on the Boston, and in consequence it is more than likely that the prices, which dropped a bit Saturday, will rise again, possibly higher than ever.

Last week lobsters were nearly out of the market. Home fishermen sent to Boston only 10 crates and the fishermen in the provinces 395 crates. This was a small showing, compared with the 2785 crates received in the same week of last year, 38 from home fishermen and 2747 from the provinces.

## TEN FISH TRIPS AT T WHARF.

### MOSTLY SMALL TRIPS CAUSING PRICES TO MAKE SHARP ADVANCE.

There are only 10 trips at T wharf this morning, and not a large one in the lot. But two of the crafts are from off-shore, sch. Terra Nova having 41,000 pounds of cod and haddock, and 1800 pounds of halibut, being from the eastward, and evidently having hard weather, or else finding fish scarce. Sch. Helen B. Thomas has been off on the hake spot near northern Georges, and has 43,000 pounds, 40,000 pounds of which are "goats."

Several of the market boats have fine fares, two of the Provincetown fleet, schs. Natalie J. Nelson and Annie Perry have 24,000 and 27,000 pounds respectively. Schs. Warren M. Goodspeed and Tecumseh also have good fares.

Prices are way up. Off-shore haddock brought \$2 and \$3 was paid for new, while shore stock went at \$3.50 and \$4.25. Large cod sold at from \$4.25 to \$6, and market cod from \$4 to \$6. Hake brought \$3.50 to \$6, and halibut 11 and 12 cents per pound.

### Boston Arrivals.

The fares and prices in detail are: Sch. Warren M. Goodspeed, 15,000 haddock, 4000 cod.

Sch. Tecumseh, 9000 haddock, 6000 cod.

Sch. Terra Nova, 22,000 haddock, 19,000 cod, 1800 halibut.

Sch. Annie Perry, 25,000 haddock, 1500 cod.

Sch. Nettie Franklin, 7000 haddock, 5000 cod.

Sch. Helen B. Thomas, 300 haddock, 2000 cod, 40,000 hake, 1000 cusk.

Sch. Edmund F. Black, 3000 cod, 3000 hake, 3500 cusk.

Sch. Flora J. Sears, 7000 haddock, 800 cod.

Sch. Actor, 5500 haddock, 900 cod.

Sch. Natalie J. Nelson, 22,000 haddock, 1700 cod.

Off-shore haddock, \$2 to \$3 per cwt.; shore haddock, \$3.50 to \$4.25; large cod, \$4.25 to \$6; market cod, \$4 to \$6; hake, \$3.50 to \$6; halibut, 11 and 12 cents per lb.

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### Maine Sardine Fishery.

The Maine sardine packing season will open on April 15, and considerable interest is being shown by buyers as to the new prices. But it is thought that the date of the announcement will be later than usual this year.

Stocks of last year's goods in packers' hands are lighter than ever before known at this time of the season.

It is said that the new questions as to factory inspection and restriction of privileges have a tendency to defer the opening of a number of Maine plants.

The demand continues good for Portuguese and Norwegian sardines.

### Ice Damaged Grand Bank, N. F., Fleet.

At Grand Bank, N. F., a few days ago, the river ice broke up. The harbor was packed with vessels preparing for the fishery, and the force of the ice was irresistible and as it swept down and against the vessels it snapped moorings and carried a number of them out. Many were badly wrecked and the damage is estimated in thousands. One side of the beacon was carried away, but the latter can be kept going by means of repairs.

### Canadians Want Lobster Season Extended.

Representations will be made from Yarmouth to the Canadian Department of Marine and Fisheries of the advisability of extending the lobster fishing season this spring. Owing to the unusually severe weather conditions prevailing up to the present time, the fishermen along this coast have done practically nothing. It is felt that the period of two months remaining in which they are allowed to fish, is altogether too short in which to make up the average season's catch.

### Had Sails Torn.

The knockabout Aspinet at T wharf, Saturday, bore marks of the violence of the late gales out on Georges. Last Wednesday during the worst of the gale the jumbo was ripped as it were tissue paper. Capt. Brigham rigged up his trysail and made it serve until he reached port.

### Newfoundland Banker.

One Newfoundland schooner, the Grace Tibbo, Capt. Fudge, has been banking since February, and is reported to have arrived at Rose Blanche with 900 quintals, a few days ago.

### Fifth Southern Seiner Sails.

Sch. Saladin, Capt. Wallace Parsons, sailed today on a southern mackerel seining trip, being the fifth of the fleet to get away thus far this season, the others being schs. Clintonia, Arthur James, Ralph L. Hall and Sylvia.

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### Provincial Fishermen Arrive.

About 150 men arrived here yesterday from the Provinces to engage in drifting and dory handling.

### For Dory Handling.

Capt. Uriah Firth will now fit sch. Judique for dory handling.

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## WOULD LEASE CLAM FLATS.

### CAPE COD PEOPLE TO TRY OUT THE STATE PLAN OF FARMING THERE.

There is quite a little uncertainty today regarding the proposition to lease clam flats. While the expectation all last week was that the committee on fisheries and game would report no legislation necessary on the annual report of the state fish and game commission and while that step was taken, some one immediately got to work on the committee with the result that it asked that the report be sent back for further consideration.

As this report of the state fish and game commission contains the recommendation for the leasing of clam flats, the acceptance of the verdict of no legislation necessary by the House and Senate would have ended the matter for this year. The fact, however, that it was recalled so quickly started the story that something was doing on the proposition. Although Representative Clarence J. Fogg of Newburyport has put in a lot of work in opposition to this bill and claims he has its defeat practically accomplished there is an element in the House that would like to see the experiment tried. They are not particular where it is tried and as some favorable comment has been made on the measure by people from Cape Cod, it has been suggested that the bill be amended to apply only to Barnstable county. While the Newburyport member opposes such a suggestion it puts him in rather a peculiar position and one which gives the other side the opportunity to say he is playing the part of the "dog in the manger." When it was discovered that the report of the state commission had been sent back to the committee only one or two members were present and none of them knew what was in the air.

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### Sch. Grampus Here For Repairs.

The fish commission sch. Grampus, which has been in winter quarters at Woods Hole, arrived here this forenoon to fix up and go into commission for the season.

### Refitted at Portland.

Sch. Speculator, of this port, which landed a big fare of shack fish on Friday, has refitted at Portland and sailed Monday for the banks.

### Alewife Bait at Edgartown.

The Times correspondent at Edgartown writes that alewives are now running fairly well and that the price is reasonable for fishermen who want the fish for bait.



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**PLENTY OF FISH  
AT T WHARF.**

ALTHOUGH TRIPS ARE SMALLER  
THAN USUALLY EXPECTED.  
AT THIS SEASON.

Everything in the fish line comes in a heap, or seems to at any rate, for while T wharf only had a few fish yesterday, no less than 25 fares have arrived there since last report, 30 of them being at the pier this morning to sell.

Yesterday afternoon's arrivals comprised two off-shore craft, with a small catch, and three of the little cod netters.

This morning no less than a dozen are off-shores, although some of them are only from Cashes. The trips do not run large, although some are good sized ones all right. But, taken as a whole, the trips are not what is expected at this time of the year, for some crafts in expect to take their trips this time to Port Clyde to sell to the cannery, but instead of so doing, brought what the bad weather would let them get to T wharf for market.

About all the off-shore captains agree that the trip just completed has been a hard one and the weather about as bad as in the dead of winter. Beside this, they found fish comparatively scarce. The Provincetown sch. Frances V. Sylvia struck a good spot, and brought the largest fare, 76,000 pounds. Sch. Cynthia, Capt. Geoffrey Thomas, also has a good catch, 67,000 pounds of cod and haddock and 1600 pounds of halibut. The other off-shores have from 30,000 to 60,000 pounds, sch. Ethel B. Penney having the latter amount.

Of the market boats, schs. Gladys and Nellie, Elizabeth W. Nunan and George H. Lube have the largest catches, although several others have pretty good trips.

The market is off on haddock considerably, and there is also a noticeable drop in the other grades. Off-shore haddock brought from \$1.75 to \$2.25 and shores \$2.50 to \$3. Large cod went at \$4.75 to \$5.50 and hake at from \$3 to \$5. Pollock sold for \$3.50.

**Boston Arrivals.**

The fares and prices in detail are:  
Sch. Mary J. Ward, 2000 haddock, 500 cod.

Sch. A. C. Newhall, 6000 haddock, 18,000 hake, 2000 cusk.

Sch. Gladys and Nellie, 1000 cod, 16,000 hake, 2000 cusk.

Sch. Alice M. Guthrie, 24,000 haddock, 13,000 cod.

Sch. George H. Lube, 1000 haddock, 1000 cod, 11,000 hake, 5000 cusk.

Sch. Cynthia, 50,000 haddock, 15,000 cod, 2000 cusk, 1600 halibut.

Sch. Regina, 38,000 haddock, 7000 cod, 1000 cusk, 2000 halibut.

Sch. John J. Fallon, 42,000 haddock, 21,000 cod.

Sch. Lucania, 30,000 haddock, 15,000 cod, 4000 cusk.

Sch. Slade Gorton, 20,000 haddock, 13,000 cod, 2000 pollock, 400 halibut.

Sch. Athena, 2500 haddock, 18,000 cod, 5000 hake, 2000 cusk.

Sch. Frances V. Sylvia, 41,000 haddock, 30,000 cod, 5000 pollock.

Sch. Matchless, 35,000 haddock.

Sch. Manomet, 3500 haddock, 2000 cod.

Sch. Emerald, 4000 haddock, 2200 cod.

Sch. Rose Standish, 12,000 haddock, 2000 cod.

Sch. Elizabeth W. Nunan, 14,000 haddock, 5000 cod, 3000 cusk.

Sch. Valentina, 13,000 haddock, 1500 cod.

Sch. Edith Silveira, 16,000 haddock, 1000 cod.

Sch. Annie and Jennie, 3500 haddock, 800 cod, 500 pollock.

Sch. Diana, 2700 haddock, 200 cod.

Sch. Jeanette, 7000 haddock, 1000 cod.

Sch. Washakie, 23,000 haddock, 11,000 cod, 2000 hake, 1500 pollock.

Sch. Fannie Belle Atwood, 10,000 haddock, 25,000 cod, 6000 pollock.

Sch. Joseph H. Cromwell, 16,000 haddock, 10,000 cod.

Sch. Ethel B. Penney, 33,000 haddock, 18,000 cod, 8000 hake, 800 cusk.

Sch. Mary Emerson, 700 cod.

Sch. Ignatius Enos, 2500 cod.

Sch. Eva Avina, 4000 cod.

Sch. Benj. A. Smith, 20,000 haddock, 6000 cod, 4000 hake, 1000 pollock, 1000 halibut.

Sch. Morning Star, 500 cod.

Sch. Laura Enos, 1800 cod.

Sch. Georgianna, 2300 cod.

Sch. Alice, 12,000 haddock, 23,000 cod, 2000 hake, 4000 cusk.

Off-shore haddock, \$1.75 to \$2.25 per cwt.; shore haddock, \$2.50 to \$3; large cod, \$4.75 to \$5.50; market cod, \$3 to \$4.50; hake, \$3 to \$5; cusk, \$1.75 to \$2.25; pollock, \$3.50.

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**SHORE BOATS  
PROSPERING.**

LANDING GOOD QUANTITIES OF  
FISH DAILY, GETTING GOOD  
PRICES.

The little shore boats which dodge in and out every day and fish in sight of land are still keeping up their good work and enjoying more of the prosperity which began to fall to their lot about March 1, after the hard winter had kept many of them close to their wharves for the biggest part of the time.

Yesterday afternoon these little fellows landed 30,000 pounds of fresh fish, mostly haddock, at the Fort and the dealers paid out to them more than \$1000 for their combined catch.

In addition to this the lake boats had another fine day and brought in 31,000 pounds of fresh fish, also mostly haddock, which were shipped to Boston and were on the market there this morning.

Yesterday afternoon sch. Etta Mildred, Capt. Asa McComisky, brought in a fine Georges handline fare, 30,000 pounds of salt cod and 1700 pounds of halibut.

With seiners and dory handliners and Rips fishermen fitting, it is pretty lively these days, along the water front.

Sch. Lillian arrived here this morning, from a Maine port, with a load of barrelled clams, for bait for the dory handliners.

**Today's Arrivals and Receipts.**

The arrivals and receipts in detail are:

Sch. Benj. A. Smith, via Boston.

Sch. Ida S. Brooks, via Boston.

Steamer Nomad, shore, 6500 lbs. fresh fish.

Steamer Quoddy, shore, 5000 lbs. fresh fish.

Steamer Prince Olaf, shore, 500 lbs. fresh fish.

Steamer Weazel, shore, 6500 lbs. fresh fish.

Steamer Mindora, shore, 7000 lbs. fresh fish.

Steamer Eagle, shore, 5000 lbs. fresh fish.

Little shore boats, 30,000 lbs. fresh fish.

Sch. Etta Mildred, Georges, handlining, 30,000 lbs. salt cod, 1700 lbs. halibut.

Sch. Lillian, Maine port, cargo of barrelled salted clams, for bait.

**Vessels Sailed.**

Sch. Hortense, haddocking.

Sch. Maud F. Silva, haddocking.

Sch. Joseph H. Cromwell, Boston.

Sch. Fannie A. Smith, dory handlining.

Sch. Pauline, Georges handlining.

Sch. William H. Moody, Georges.

Sch. Flavilla, Boston.

**TODAY'S FISH MARKET.**

**Salt Fish.**

Handline Georges codfish, large, \$5; medium, \$4.50; snappers, \$3.

Trawl, Georges codfish, large, \$4.75; medium, \$4.25.

Eastern halibut codfish, large, \$4.50; medium, \$4.

Haddock, \$2.

Pollock, \$2.

Cusk, large, \$2.50; medium, \$2; snappers, \$1.50.

Hake, \$1.75.

All codfish with napes picked bring 25c over the above prices.

**Fresh Fish.**

Haddock, \$1.10.

Large cod, \$2.25; mediums, \$1.75; snappers, 75c.

Cusk, large, \$1.60; mediums, \$1.25; snappers, 60c.

Dressed pollock, \$1.10; round \$1.

Fresh codfish not gilled bring 10c per cwt. less than the above prices.

Halibut 12c per lb. for white and 9½c for grey.

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**Southern Mackerel Fleet.**

Sch. Monarch, Capt. John Matheson is now fitting for south mackerel seining.

Capt. John A. McKinnon has started in to fit sch. Aloha and Capt. Charles Maguire is fitting sch. Marguerite Maskins.

Capt. John W. McFarland will begin to fit sch. Victor in a day or so and Capt. Norman A. Ross figures on starting to fit sch. Veda M. McKown a week from today.

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**SEINING FLEET HAS  
HAD BAD WEATHER.**

But No Mackerel Has  
Yet Been Sighted by  
Any of the Vessels.

The southern mackerel seining fleet has been up against bad weather ever since the vessels left here. Nevertheless they have kept out on the ground, and cruised about, but thus far have seen no mackerel.

A few mackerel have been received at Fulton Market, New York, but they are from traps along shore, and from the locations where they were caught it would seem that the fish are quite well along to the northward.

A telegram last evening from the Times correspondent at Fortress Monroe, Va., states that sch. Arthur James, Capt. Archibald Devine, put in there yesterday afternoon for harbor. Capt. Devine reported that the weather had been bad since leaving here and that he had seen no fish.

Sch. George Parker will be one of the southern fleet. As soon as Capt. Rufus McKay, who is out in another craft, comes in he will fit her out.

Capt. James McLean is here and as usual, will go south mackerel seining in command of sch. Diana. The craft will go on the ways today, and Capt. McLean will begin to fit as soon as she comes off.

**Mackerel from Traps Sent to Fulton Market.**

Three mackerel were taken in a trap at Cape Charles on Saturday and were shipped to Fulton Market, being consigned to Eldred & Haley. The fish were small, going a pound apiece, which is just the kind of fish the mackerel men and skippers want to hear of coming along.

This morning there were more fresh mackerel at Fulton Market, a consignment of 50 in count coming to Chesbro Bros. from a trap at Crisfield, Maryland. These fish also went about a pound apiece, and that they were wanted all right is evidenced by the fact that they sold readily at 45 and 50 cents apiece.

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**Fulton Market Fish Notes.**

There was not as much business in the market last week as the wholesale commission men expected. Fish was scarce and high in price, with few exceptions, says the Fishing Gazette.

The first of the smack blues reached the market, and as the fish were large, all smack owners are looking for a big season.

Fresh mackerel should be in the market today if Capt. Sol. Jacobs equaled his record of last year. As the first smack bluefish were late, there is a chance that mackerel will also be a little behind time.

The butterfish which reached the market on the trawler Coquet sold the following day at 10c per pound. The fluke on the same vessel brought 6c per pound. The Coquet has sailed away. It is believed that she will soon return with more fish. Capt. Sheehy, her skipper, says he finds it profitable to bring the fish to this market.

There were nine cars of western white halibut in the market. Chesbro Bros., I. W. Robbins & Son, New England Halibut Company, and John Lambert, had two cars each. John Feeney had one car.

There was only one codfish smack at the market this week. She was the Annie Godfrey to I. W. Robbins & Son and Eldred & Haley. She carried 500 codfish.

Nearly all the bluefishing smacks are now in the south. The Irene and May, Capt. John Ericsson, and the Griswald I. Keeney, both belonging to Wallace & Keeney, will start in a day or two.

Codfish was high in price, market fish selling from 4c to 6c, while steak fish brought 6c to 10c.

Flounders are very plentiful, coming here from Long Island and Massachusetts. They are selling at 3c and 4c per pound.

Halibut—Western white fish brought 8½c to 9c. Eastern fish was quoted at 15c.

Haddock sold at 4c to 6c. Pollock sold at 5c to 6c.

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**Portland Fish Notes.**

Several small fishing schooners arrived at Portland Sunday but on account of the rough weather of the past few days they reported small catches. Sch. Lochinvar came in with the largest fare, having a trip of 9000 pounds of mixed fish which were caught in the vicinity of Small Point. The crew of the schooner reported the wind blowing almost a gale and the seas rolling so high that it was practically impossible to fish.

The sch. Fanny Reed also came in during the day from a trip a short distance outside the harbor where she gathered in something like 2500 pounds of mixed fish.

The steam smack Lucretia was also an arrival Sunday, coming in with a trip of 900 lobsters consigned to S. A. Skillings & Son, the Commercial street dealers, while the smack Isa and Beulah came in with 1500 lobsters for N. F. Trefethen & Company the Portland pier dealers.

The smack men report the shortage of lobsters as about the same as it has been for several weeks past and that the price is ruling high.

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**Saw No Pollock.**

Sch. Grace Otis which came in yesterday from pollock seining, has been down to the Rips, but Capt. Joseph Graham reports that he saw no signs of pollock there and not even a small pod schooling.

Sch. Olga is fitting for a pollock seining trip under command of Capt. John Burton.

**Sch. Carrie E. Lobstering.**

The schooner boat Carrie E. is now engaged in lobstering along shore in this vicinity. She looks odd coming in with the lobster pots piled high on deck and her booms high up in the masts like a coaster with a deckload of wood.

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**POLLOCK STRUCK  
OFF BOON ISLAND**

**STEAMERS JOPPAITE AND JEFF.  
FREY MADE GOOD HAULS  
THERE YESTERDAY.**

It looks as though pollock had "struck" at last. The fleet has been after them since February and have found them very scarce. They have scoured the coast from Mount Desert to Nantucket and the flips they have seen have been few, while the schools they have caught have been still fewer. But now, with the advent of a warm day or two, the sportive pollock has chosen to disport himself on top of water off Boon Island and some of them have been caught or were caught yesterday afternoon.

Steamers Joppaite and Jeffery were lucky crafts and made good paying hauls. Both crafts arrived here yesterday afternoon, the former with 35,000 pounds and the latter with 13,000 pounds, and there was as much excitement over their arrival, both up street and on the wharves as though a seiner was in with a fare of mackerel.

The Gloucester Fresh Fish Company bought the fare of the Jeffery, the first craft in, paying \$2.70 per hundred weight for the round fish, while the Joppaite, which came in not far behind her, sold her catch to Neal & McDonald at \$2.50 per hundred weight round. These were certainly fine prices and both crafts will do well on stock and share.

News of the pollock catches travels fast and without the slightest doubt there will be a big fleet at Boon Island and off York beach today, all looking to "wallop the pollock."

After cruising over a thousand miles back and forth over the pollock fishing grounds from Port Clyde to Nantucket, steamer Philomena, Capt. M. D. McKown, put in here yesterday afternoon. The captain reported just coming from the Rips and out around Nantucket, but had not seen a school. The Nantucket fishermen said it was too early for the pollock to be showing around the island.

The Philomena and Bessie M. Dugan made harbor at Nantucket and escaped Sunday's blizzard which was a tough one down that way. Capt. McKown left the Dugan on the Rips and came this way and saw no pollock coming along. He came in for coal and while here got the glad news of the fish striking down around Boon Island, so he hustled his coal in and got out in the night so as to be on the fishing grounds this morning.